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SUBJ: OVERDUE AIRCRAFT

1. SEPTEMBER 22 MARKED NINTH DAY OF FUTILE SEARCH FOR MISSING AIRCRAFT. PHILIPPINE AIR FORCE, USN, USMC, AND USAF AIRCRAFT INVOLVED IN OPERATIONS TODAY. TOTAL PHILIPPINE GROUND FORCE COMMITMENT NOW APPROXIMATELY 3,000 MEN.

2. WEATHER CONTINUES TO BE MOST SEVERE LIMITING FACTOR. ALTHOUGH HELICOPTERS WERE ABLE TO COMPLETE MOST OF THEIR MISSIONS IN EARLY MORNING FLYING HOURS, WEATHER CLOSED IN TO PREVENT EFFECTIVE AIRBORNE SEARCH EFFORT.

3. WHILE WEATHER CONTINUED PERMISSIBLE, AIR ATTACHE AIRCRAFT FLEW MRS ZIMMERLY AND MRS CHENEY FOR RECONNAISSANCE OF SEARCH AREA. ALTHOUGH FLIGHT ALSO OFFERED TO OTHER WIVES, THEY DECLINED.

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4. ONE OF USN HELICOPTERS INVOLVED IN OPERATIONS THREW ROTOR BLADE AT SUBIC, CAUSING MINOR DAMAGE AND MINOR INJURIES. ONE USAF HELICOPTER REMAINS GROUNDED AT ADVANCE POST REQUIRING SIGNIFICANT OVERHAUL WORK.

5. IF WEATHER PERMITS MORNING SEPTEMBER 23, USN WILL ATTEMPT INFRA-RED PHOTOGRAPHY OF AREA, BUT IS DOUBTFUL THAT RESULTS WILL BE EFFECTIVE BECAUSE OF CLOUD COVER, MOISTURE, AND HEAVY JUNGLE GROWTH. OTHER GROUND, AIR, AND SUPPORT OPERATIONS WILL CONTINUE ALONG SAME LINES AS TODAY'S EFFORT.
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